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Re:	Request for Proclamation		
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Comments: Contra Costa County CAER Group, Inc. is requesting that November 4th, 2009 to be proclaimed as "Shelter in Place Education Day". I have attached a copy of sample proclamation language along with a copy of the 6th Annual Shelter in Place Drill Fact Sheet.

I would greatly appreciate the proclamation being mailed to me at the above address. If someone needs to be present at a City Council meeting to accept, please let me know and I will make arrangements for someone to be present.

Thank you

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2009 Shelter-in-Place Drill
FACT SHEET

- **The Shelter-in-Place drill will begin at 11:00 a.m. on November 4th.** This coincides with the testing of the safety sirens in Contra Costa that sound at 11:00 a.m. **Or, if necessary, you can change to a time better suited to your site.**

Please note: If you do not normally hear the sound of the sirens on the first Wednesday of every month YOU WILL NOT HEAR THEM ON Nov. 4th. Sirens are only one of the ways a Shelter-in-Place alert is broadcast. In an actual emergency, other tools to alert the public would also be used, such as KCBS 740AM radio, e-mail notifications (visit www.incident.com to sign up), scrolling messages on CCTV, weather radio alerts, and the TENS system (automated telephone calls). ***If 11:00 a.m. passes and you have not heard a siren, begin your drill anyway.***

- Each site will determine how complex they want the Shelter-in-Place drill to be at their own facility. The scope can range from a tabletop exercise with staff to a full-scale drill bringing everyone inside to Shelter-in-Place. Drill can be as long as you want it to be.
- The drill is being sponsored by Contra Costa County CAER (Community Awareness Emergency Response) Group. CAER is a non-profit organization with members from fire, law enforcement, health services, emergency services, plus community and industry representatives.
- All public and private schools and childcare centers are encouraged to participate. This is a chance to be part of a countywide exercise that will receive media coverage and promote further awareness about Shelter-in-Place training and procedures.
- Participating schools and childcare centers that return a "participation sheet" will have their names posted on the CAER Web site at www.cococaer.org.
- City Councils in the County are being asked to proclaim November 4th as "Shelter-in-Place Education Day." The County Board of Supervisors will also proclaim November 4th as Shelter-in-Place Education Day.
- The Shelter-in-Place Drill is an annual event on the first Wednesday in November. Last year, approx. 200 sites participated and even more are expected to practice their Shelter-in-Place procedures this year. CAER sponsors the drill to promote emergency preparedness in our schools and childcare centers.

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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, public and private schools and childcare centers throughout Contra Costa County will be participating in the Shelter-in-Place Drill on November 4th; and

WHEREAS, Contra Costa Community Awareness Emergency Response Group - CAER - is sponsoring the 8th Annual Shelter-in-Place Drill and assisting schools with their emergency preparedness; and

WHEREAS, emergency response agencies including fire, sheriff and health officials all recommend Shelter-in-Place as the immediate action to take in case of a hazardous release; and

WHEREAS, the Shelter-in-Place Drill increases public awareness about Shelter-in-Place as a protective action and gives students and teachers practice in implementing this important procedure; and

WHEREAS, the County Office of Education has endorsed the Shelter-in-Place Drill and encouraged all sites to participate.

WHEREAS, the City of Lafayette recognizes the importance of preparing for emergencies and encourages participation in the Contra Costa CAER Group's public education efforts.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Don Tatzin, Mayor, on behalf of the Lafayette City Council do hereby proclaim November 4, 2009 as "Shelter-in-Place Education Day" in support of the parents, teachers, students and staff that will be participating with hundreds of other schools.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the City Seal this 14th day of September, 2009.

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Don Tatzin, Mayor

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